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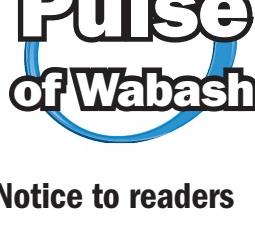


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NMHS, Shepherd's Center sponsoring eastern Ohio trip

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) and the Shepherd's Center are planning a trip from Friday, Sept. 9 to Sunday, Sept. 11 to eastern Ohio. The deadline has been extended to Saturday, Aug. 14. The trip includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners and all tips and taxes. The cost is \$400 per person for double occupancy and \$525 for single occupancy. For more information, call bernievicki@gmail.com or call 260 982-8734.

Blood donation opportunity set

A local American Red Cross blood donation opportunity has been scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at Brandt's Harley Davidson, 1400 Cass St. For more information, visit RedCrossBlood.org, rcblood.org/fuel or rcblood.org/CedarFair or call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

NMCH celebrates 'Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana'

The North Manchester Center for History (NMCH)

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Moderna, Pfizer booster shots for immunocompromised approved

ISDH says they will follow CDC, FDA on third COVID-19 vaccine doses

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Last month, Pfizer proposed a third COVID-19 vaccine booster shot, but was quickly rebuffed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

However, on Thursday, the FDA reversed course, at least somewhat, by authorizing an additional vaccine dose for certain immunocompromised individuals. Although, the FDA did no go so far as to say other fully vaccinated individuals also needed an additional dose at this time.

"The FDA has amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) for both the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to allow for the use of an additional dose in certain immunocompromised individuals, specifically, solid organ transplant recipients or those who are diagnosed with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocom-

promise," stated the FDA. "Earlier on Thursday, Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) deputy chief of staff and Office of Public Affairs director Jennifer O'Malley said they did not have any updates as of yet for the state as the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) was scheduled to meet Friday to discuss further clinical recommendations regarding immunocom-

mised individuals.

"People who are immunocompromised like those who have undergone solid organ transplantation have a reduced ability to fight infections and other diseases, and they are especially vulnerable to infections, including COVID-19," stated the FDA. "The FDA evaluated information on the use of a third dose of the

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Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

The local reading program is held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next event scheduled for Aug. 19.

Young readers in search of an audience find dogs, cats in need of a home

Literacy for Companionship, Wabash County Animal Shelter partner monthly

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During a recent Thursday afternoon at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, a handful of young readers were turning the pages of the books in front of them along with their parents before a captive feline audience. The event was part of a new initiative started locally earlier this year in conjunction with Literacy for Companionship, a Fort Wayne-based group founded in 2017 by Angela Ihrie.

Wabash County Animal Shelter manager Doug Bortz said the program "gives children an environment to



The monthly event is split into 30-minute shifts, with four children scheduled per session.

Census shows local population decrease continues

Region increased population between 2010 and 2020, but not Wabash County

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The initial data from the Census Bureau's 2020 count was released this week, and while there was good news for the region, the trend of population loss continued for Wabash County.

Northeast Indiana's population increased from 2010 to 2020 in eight of the 11 counties, according to 2020 Census counts as part of the redistricting information released Thursday.

The 11-county region's 2020 population total was 797,701 people for Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties, compared to 759,086 in 2010.

Allen and LaGrange counties led the population gains locally at 30,081 people or 8.5 percent and 3,318 or 8.9 percent, according to calculations from the Purdue University Fort Wayne Community Research Institute.

The three counties that lost population in the past decade were Huntington, Noble and Wabash counties at 462, 79 and 1,912 residents respectively.

Growth Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater, has been helping to lead the Imagine One

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Recovery event looks to help those struggling find 'Hope in the Darkness'

Annual 'Let There Be Light' celebration set for Sept. 5 at 13-24 Drive-In

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Friday, Christian Fellowship Church Pastor Jacob Good said "God gave me a vision of using the 13-24 Drive In" for the inaugural "Let There Be Light: Finding Hope In The Darkness" recovery event in 2020.

"2020 brought so much darkness and had (the) overdose rate skyrocket," said Good. "A few of my friends lost the battle to addiction in 2020

and overdosed and many others are still fighting it. I wanted to get hope out and help to those that need it, to be light in the darkness."

This year, the Christian Fellowship Church Of North Manchester is once again hosting their second annual "Let There Be Light: Finding Hope In The Darkness" recovery event from 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5 at the 13-24 Drive-In, 890 Indiana 13.

"There will be testimonies, live praise and worship, word and prayer," said Good. "There will be many recovery groups and homes on-site with literature and information to help you or your loved one."

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I&M requests rate increase

State utility office schedules public hearing on Sept. 7 in Fort Wayne

By ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI
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Indiana Michigan Power customers can expect up to a 6.5 percent increase in their future electric bill if a proposal currently up for public comment is approved.

The rate increase would also include fee increases as well. The pending request would raise rates in two phases, one in 2022 and another on Jan. 1, 2023. The proposal would generate an additional \$104 million annually for I&M once fully phased in, if approved.

For a household that uses 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, customers can expect their bill to rise from \$157.82 to \$167.29 if the rate

increase is fully implemented.

The monthly residential customer charge would increase by \$5 under the proposal, rising from \$15 to \$20. For commercial customers, the monthly service charge would rise from \$19 to \$25. The "energy charge" the company bills customers for would also rise, but no information was provided regarding that as of deadline Tuesday.

Company officials say the rate increase is necessary due to increases in operating and maintenance costs, which includes infrastructure improvements.

The utility's filings list the following as reasons for the rate increase: aging lines and poles, new advanced metering infrastructure, electric vehicle charging station structure, projects at the Cook Nuclear Plant and Rockport Generating station, substation upgrades and additional

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Indiana attorney general's office appealing decision against abortion laws

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana attorney general's office has started an appeal of a federal judge's ruling that several state laws restricting abortion are unconstitutional, including the state's ban on telemedicine consultations between doctors and women seeking abortions.

The office filed notice Wednesday that it will ask the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago to review the ruling released Tuesday by U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Evans Barker in Indianapolis.

The office also asked Barker to put on hold an injunction she issued preventing state officials from enforcing the telemedicine ban, along with state laws requiring in-person examinations by a doctor before medication

abortions and a prohibition on second-trimester abortions outside hospitals or surgery centers.

Barker called the state's defense of the telemedicine ban "feeble," but the attorney general's office argues requiring an in-person examination by a doctor is better at identifying medical problems and physical or sexual abuse.

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No good answers in Britain

By the time you read this column, Alta Fixler may no longer be with us in this world. Alta is a 2-year-old who is severely disabled. Born premature, she showed no signs of life until doctors resuscitated her and put her on a ventilator. After spending her entire existence on life support, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital has now decided that her time is up, at the objection of her parents.

And the parents are running out of options.

The Fixler family are Hasidic Jews with Israeli citizenship. They want to bring her to Israel, where doctors are willing to see if they can do anything for her. A charity has offered the family a free plane ride wherever they want to take her — there's a visa for her to come to the United States as well (her father is also an American citizen). Neither the British High Court nor the European Court of Appeals will help her mother and father. A judge on the High Court, Alistair MacDonald, went so far as to say that Alta has no religious-liberty rights because we don't know that Alta would share her family's values. Alta Fixler is 2 years old! Parents make those kinds of decisions for their young children. Or at least that's the way it should be.

Manchester Children's Hospital says that Alta is in constant pain, but her parents dispute that. A judge on the High Court dismissed the opinion and observations of her parents and their rabbi because none of them are "medically qualified." He wrote that Alta "has and will continue to have minimal or no awareness of her family and social relationships, minimal or no ability to respond to external stimuli so as to take comfort or enjoyment from those who love her or the world around her and engage in the enlargement of knowledge of her world."

He said that "continuing life-sustaining treatment will confine Alta to being kept alive

for the remainder of her life in a hospital room without windows, her life sustained by machines in a world she cannot meaningfully perceive or connect with."

Should doctors and judges be determining what makes for a meaningful life? Should parents be stripped of their rights to care for their child? No one thinks the chances of Alta recovering are very good, but does that mean her life should be ended, especially when her parents don't want it to?

And forget Alta's life; the court won't even let her die on her family's terms. The court refused to allow Alta to be released from her hospital prison so that she could be taken off life support in Israel, where she would be surrounded by her physical and religious families, because there would be "no medical benefit."

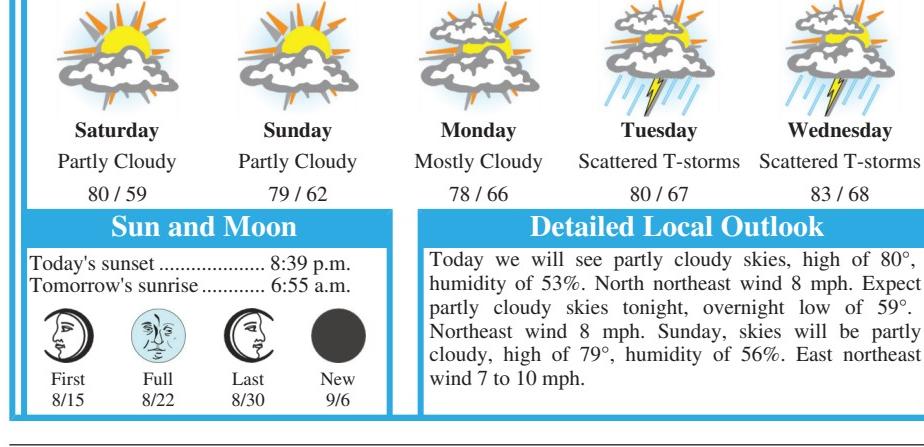
But what about spiritual benefit, to both Alta and her grieving family and friends? But the court appears to be completely uninterested in the feelings of Alta's parents.

This case is tragic and cruel. There appear to be no good answers. But Britain seems determined to see this child die within its borders, on its timetable. The judges and doctors have the best of intentions: an alleviation of suffering. But the doctors aren't God. Courts aren't, either. And while I certainly agree that there are times when palliative care is perfectly appropriate and humane, the way this is all happening is chilling. The temporal isn't everything, and we should all be able to agree that the spiritual care of a child is well within parents' rights.

If you are a person who prays, keep the Fixlers, all of them, in your prayers. Extreme cases like this expose our dangerous, dehumanizing secularization in the West.

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technology aimed at improving grid reliability.

Written public comments will be accepted through Oct. 5, 2021 opposing or supporting the rate increase.

Comments may be submitted to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), a state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, by email at uccinfo@oucc.in.gov or by mail at:

Public Comments
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Comments should include a name, mailing address and a reference to either Indiana Michigan Power or "IURC Cause No. 45576."

People with questions regarding comment submission can call 1-888-441-2494.

Two public hearings are

scheduled at 6 p.m. both days to hear public opposition or support. The first will be Tuesday Aug. 24, 2021 in South Bend at Century Center Recital Hall, 120 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. The second will be Sept. 7 2021 in Fort Wayne at Purdue University Fort Wayne, Walb Student Union Classic Ballroom, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd.

Consumers are asked to arrive by 5:45 p.m. for an overview of field hearing procedures and the rate case process. Attendees must comply with local health and safety regulations.

The purpose of the meetings are for consumers to speak directly to the Commission under oath and to be included as part of the record.

Oral comments made during the hearing will carry the same weight as written comments.

Indiana Michigan Power

will not make a presentation or answer questions during the hearings.

The Commission will not answer questions about the case but will ultimately make the final decision af-

ter weighing evidence.

No final decision will be made at the field hearings.

The city of Marion has intervened in the case, according to OUCC. It joins municipal governments from Fort Wayne, Muncie and South Bend.

The Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, the Wabash Valley Power Alliance, Kroger Co., and industrial customers including: I/N Tek LP, Linde, Inc., Marathon Petroleum Company, Messe LLC and Steel Dynamics Inc.

Any testimony from intervenor's is due by Oct. 12, 2021.

A final order from the commission is expected in the spring of 2022.

Updates will be posted online at www.in.gov/oucc/featured-topics/indiana-michigan-power-i-and-m-rates/indiana-michigan-power-rate-case-2021-2022/. Consumers can get updates to their email via a newsletter by going to www.in.gov/oucc/news.

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READERS

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practice their reading skills and build their confidence while showing compassion towards animals."

Ihrie said they received a grant from Duke Energy for \$1,500 for the program in Wabash and Kosciusko counties. Ihrie said they have a partnership with both shelters.

"We're in six different counties, but the grant was for these two," said Ihrie. "That was to help us purchase supplies, our book cart and all of our brand new books for the children to choose from. Obviously, we're very appreciative

of their help with that. We were able to purchase our libraries, so we're putting libraries in each shelter. We were able to do a book cart here and we have a book-

case over there. We have posted 300 books for the children to choose from here and several hundred in Pierceton."

Duke Energy government and community relations manager Kevin Johnston said they support many organizations in the Wabash area, including this one.

"We're especially interested in literacy programs, as that is such a critical skill for our kids," said Johnston. "Literacy for Companionship is a very unique program and we are happy to be a part of it."

Bogert said children mainly read to cats, but that if dogs are available to read to, children have that as an option, as well.

Bogert said they hope to bring people to the shelter who may not have been there in the past while practicing an important skill.

Bogert said they plan to

have three children at a time paired with cats, and one with a dog.

Bogert said this program is available to all children in Wabash County. Parents may sign up their children via the link on the shelter's Facebook page.

Bogert said the local program is held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next event scheduled for Aug. 19.

Bogert said the time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session.

Bogert said there is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times.

For more information, call 260-563-3511.

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Good said the event will be free and open to the public.

"If you struggle with any type of hurt, hang-up or habit or you love someone who does, this event is for you," said Good. "There is nothing that you can't be delivered from. Let there be light. There is hope. There are people who love you

and want to help you. There is freedom. Come and find your freedom."

Testimonies will be available from Dustin Smith, Virginia Schakel and Hector and Debbie Fernandez.

Recovery groups that will be on-site include Allen Dale Treatment, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Ship Happens, T.A.M. Indiana, House of Grace, Inspiration Ministries, Streeters, Addicts Lives Matter, P.A.L., Cele-

bate Recovery, The Remnant Ministries, Ground Zero, Hope, Serenity House, Fellowship Mission, Recovery Center, Indiana Center For Recovery, Hope House Lafayette, Suicide Prevention, Four County, Purple Tent of Hope and more.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/902042577039832/>.

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Obituaries

Cody Allen Tyson

March 31, 1995 - Aug. 8, 2021



Cody Allen Tyson, 26, of North Port, Florida, died 9:39 am, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, at his home. He was born on March 31, 1995, in Wabash, Indiana, to Christopher Allen and Carrie (Miller) Tyson.

Cody was a 2013 graduate of Southwood High School, and attended Purdue University three years. He was a self employed dog groomer and also worked at PetSmart several years. Cody enjoyed reading, animals, playing computer games, and was a gentle giant.

He is survived by his father, Christopher Allen Tyson of Punta Gorda, Florida; mother, Carrie Tyson of Wabash; sister, Jessica (Johnathon) Dyson of LaFontaine, Indiana; grandmothers, Beth

Miller of Wabash, and Barbara Tyson of St. Petersburg, Florida, nephews, Oliver Dyson and Massey Dyson, and niece, Rori Dyson, all of LaFontaine, Indiana.

Funeral services will be 10 am, Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Stephen Eberhard officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 6-8 pm Monday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Animal Shelter of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Cody may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

BOOSTERS

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Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna Vaccines in these individuals and determined that the administration of third vaccine doses may increase protection in this population. These patients should be counseled to maintain physical precautions to help prevent COVID-19. In addition, close contacts of immunocompromised persons should get vaccinated, as appropriate for their health status, to provide increased protection to their loved ones."

During a televised press conference on July 31, state chief medical officer Dr. Lindsay Weaver said they were "following the data very closely" about the booster shots.

"Whether it would be something recommended for everybody, whether it should be focused on people who are immuno-compromised, people who are older," said Weaver. "This has been discussed at the CDC level twice now on both their last immunization practice committee meetings. We pay very close attention to those. So, we know that there's more information, more data, more evidence coming. If it comes out and there is a recommendation that there be a booster shot, we are ready. If they say it's for immuno-compromised and people over the age of 60, we would say, 'Go, run, get your third booster,' if the evidence supported that."

State health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said they would follow the recommendations from the FDA and CDC.

On Friday, the CDC's ACIP voted 11-0 for an interim recommendation for an additional dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for those 12 years and older or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for those 18 years and older for immuno-compromised people.

News of these booster shots come as the state has struggled to get even the initial doses of vaccine into the arms of eligible Hoosiers.

In the zip code comprising Wabash, 46992, only 38.2 percent of those eligible have been fully vaccinated, while statewide, just over half, 51.16 percent, of eligible Hoosiers were fully vaccinated as of Friday. According to the CDC, 59 percent of Americans 12 years and older have been fully vaccinated.

During last week's ISDH COVID-19 advisory dashboard update, Wabash County was elevated from blue, the lowest level, to yellow, the second-lowest level. During this Wednesday's weekly update, that level stayed at yellow, but cases continue to increase. As of Friday, 22 new positive local COVID-19 cases were reported, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,870. The local seven-day positivity rating for all local tests was 6.3 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 22.4 percent.

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Wabash Marketplace to host tent party in downtown Wabash

First Friday to commemorate county's Founders, Marketplace's 40th anniversary

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace is celebrating 40 years of growth and revitalization in downtown Wabash in 2021 with a tent party on September's First Friday, according to Wabash Marketplace public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

The event is set to take place from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 at the Veteran's Plaza and Tremont Parking Lot in downtown Wabash.

The community may gather together in Veteran's Plaza and Tremont parking lot, the public parking lot between Bluebird Boutique and Market Street Square on Market Street, for live music from 35 Trax, local food trucks, a mobile bar courtesy of Market Street Grill and many more activities on Miami Street, Canal Street and in downtown businesses. The event is free and open to the public.

The event begins at 5 p.m. with free karaoke, courtesy of Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) to promote the upcoming "Sister Act" performances. Local band, 35 Trax, featuring Bob Pilgrim, Tom Elshire

and Jerry Wade will take the stage from 7 to 10 p.m. with classic rock favorites. Guests are invited to wear their favorite 1980s attire and join the party.

Wabash Marketplace is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in downtown Wabash established in 1981.

"The organization has received numerous National Main Street Accreditations allowing its mission to foster community and economic development to continue at a high caliber," said Ellis.

Events coordinated and promoted in the Downtown District by Wabash Marketplace include Wabash First Fridays, Downtown Wabash Farmers Market, Sidewalk Sales, Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza, Downtown Holiday Night to Remember and Black Friday and Small Business Saturday for downtown Wabash merchants.

More information about specific offerings from Downtown Wabash businesses on September's First Friday will be released at a later date.

For more information, visit WabashMarketplace.org/first-friday.

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85 initiative focused on reversing the trend of local population loss.

On Friday, Gillenwater said the 2020 Census data released regarding population decline in Wabash County was "unfortunately not surprising to us."

"It underscores the importance of the work that the Community Foundation of Wabash County and Grow Wabash County has been spearheading alongside our community partners starting in back in early 2019 with our population study," said Gillenwater.

Last month, the group held the Imagine One 85 Summit at the Honeywell Center Plaza along with dozens of community members, who submitted ideas to reverse this troubling trend.

Gillenwater said they have been tracking this data year over year and they know that the local population decline started over 40 years ago. He said Purdue University Fort Wayne Community Research Institute (CRI) director Rachel E. Blakeman and her team were part of that study.

"Out of that study ... emerged a series of recommendations with the single goal of arresting and re-

versing the population decline Wabash County has experienced," said Gillenwater. "The Imagine One 85 initiative has been going strong since mid-2020 and throughout the process, though impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had hundreds of participants weigh in on the development of our strategic, comprehensive plan for all of the communities of Wabash County."

Blakeman said population gain regionally bucked national trends, considering more than half of the counties nationally lost population, with those of less than 50,000 residents driving the trend for fewer residents over the past decade, according to data from the Census Bureau.

The CRI also compared the 2020 Census numbers to the 2020 population estimates, which were released by the Census Bureau earlier this year and were structured off of the 2010 numbers. Again, Allen and LaGrange counties outperformed the 2020 estimates as did Huntington, LaGrange, Kosciusko, Wabash and Wells counties.

Blakeman said most counties in this corner of the state outperformed the 2020 population projections from the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University.

Only Noble, Steuben and

businesses, and committed citizens to make this happen but the engagement we have experienced throughout the process gives us every confidence in our success," said Gillenwater.

Wabash fell behind the projections as did Wells but only by five people.

Allen, Huntington, LaGrange and Whitley exceeded the population projection by more than 1 percent.

The 2020 Census did not directly track migration, the share of people moving into or out of geography, so no new information was available on that measure today.

The population estimates program does provide that information.

"The population growth of Allen and surrounding counties is no small feat considering how population decline is the general trend for the Midwest and rural areas in particular," said Blakeman.

"Looking at the individual counties, you start to see different patterns with some gaining and some losing, but as a collective, it bodes well for the Fort Wayne metro and all of northeast Indiana. I think we can see this as a vote of confidence in the future here."

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invites visitors to enjoy a new traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) marking the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which recognized a woman's right to vote. The exhibit, "Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana," will be open to the public from Tuesdays through Saturdays through Saturday, Aug. 21 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, call 260-982-0672 or visit www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org.

Clark Gallery exhibit presents rich contributions of Latino artists

"Artes Latinas in Wabash," on display through Sunday, Aug. 22 in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery, presents the rich and varied contributions of Latino artists. The exhibit presents the artistic creations of six professional artists, including various styles such as illustration, printmaking, painting, muralism and graphic design. Works featured in the exhibit are presented by Colombian, Puerto Rican, Nuyorican and Mexican artists. In addition, the exhibit features the artistic creations of Wabash County students who worked alongside visiting artist Ana Velazquez for We the Many, a project of Arts Midwest. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 25 and Wednesday, Sept. 22 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

'Liking for Biking' returns

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. For more information, www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

INDOT to begin asphalt resurfacing on Indiana 13

Asphalt resurfacing has been planned on Indiana 13 between County Road 700 and County Road 800. The work is expected to be complete by the beginning of September.

Downtown Shop Hop runs throughout August

Schlemmer's, Wabash CrossFit, Charley Creek Inn, Visit Wabash County participating

STAFF REPORT

Shop Hop has returned to downtown Wabash through Tuesday, Aug. 31 for a chance to win. The winner will be selected in early September.

Four downtown businesses participating in August's Shop Hop include Schlemmer's Fire & Outdoor, 108 W. Canal St., Wabash CrossFit, 120 W. Canal St., Charley Creek Inn Candy & Ice Cream Shoppe, 111 W. Market St., and Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St.

Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available at WabashMarketplace.org. Sponsorship for Downtown Wabash Shop Hop is provided by Bickford of Wabash.

The final Downtown Wabash Shop Hop in 2021 will be announced at a later date.

Friends of the NMPL to hold a book sale

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will hold a book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 to Saturday, Aug. 28 in the library, 405 N. Market St., North Manchester, according to Shirley Glade. For more information, call 260-982-4773 or email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us.

Wabash fell behind the projections as did Wells but only by five people.

Allen, Huntington, LaGrange and Whitley exceeded the population projection by more than 1 percent.

The 2020 Census did not directly track migration, the share of people moving into or out of geography, so no new information was available on that measure today. The population estimates program does provide that information.

"The population growth of Allen and surrounding counties is no small feat considering how population decline is the general trend for the Midwest and rural areas in particular," said Blakeman. "Looking at the individual counties, you start to see different patterns with some gaining and some losing, but as a collective, it bodes well for the Fort Wayne metro and all of northeast Indiana. I think we can see this as a vote of confidence in the future here."

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Salamonie Forest Preschool to begin in September

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once a month option will be held Tuesdays including Sept. 14, 2021; Oct. 5, 2021; Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Sept. 28, 2021; Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022.

The program fee for the package of nine once-a-month sessions is \$60 per child ages 3 to 5. Additional siblings are \$35. The program fee for the package of 18 twice a month sessions is \$100 per child, and additional siblings are \$75. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

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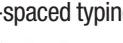
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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise.

Whoever ignores instruction despises himself,

but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.

— Proverbs 15:31-32

Cuomo's quitting was his only option

Gov. Cuomo had no choice. If he didn't resign, he would have been removed through impeachment and conviction. So instead of being dragged out, he walks away on Aug. 24, handing over the reins to Kathy Hochul. It was the right thing to do, even as he denied the sexual harassment he has been accused of by women who bravely risked everything to come forward.

There will be plenty of time during the next two weeks and beyond to evaluate his 10 years, seven months and 24 days as gov-

ernor, and his earlier record as state attorney general, federal cabinet secretary, homeless advocate and his father's top political aide.

For now we praise him for sparing the state a drawn out fight when COVID is returning with a vengeance and there are dozens of other problems to fix. Maybe he just saw that he didn't have the votes. Maybe he knows that his denials are ultimately unsustainable. Whatever it is, Cuomo wants to be remembered not for fighting with bare knuckles to the bitter end, but for bowing out with at

least a thimble of grace.

Sexual harassment, intentional or not (as Cuomo contends) makes the lives of working women a constant, exhausting, degrading uphill climb, and that is why it is intolerable. That Cuomo is felled should end any doubt in anyone's mind about what is okay and what isn't.

This is a profoundly sad moment, not just for a man who held great promise, but for the state of New York.

No doubt there are high-fives, among progressives who've long

loathed Cuomo and among conservatives who are the governor's ideological enemies. Cuomo was and is, as we said upon endorsing him for reelection, a piece of work. But those celebrating should be careful what they wish for. Cuomo's been making the hard decisions for a decade plus. Now those choices will be up to those who delight in his departure. May they, and our next governor, do the right and not the easy things.

This editorial was first published in the New York Daily News.



Free speech and Senate Bill 414

Earlier this year, Indiana's General Assembly passed Senate Bill 414, which required universities to survey students about the climate for free speech on campus. Schools must then report these findings to the Commission on Higher Education.

Normally I'd be reluctant to weigh in on such a law; at first blush it looks like another volley in the destructive culture wars. But, I think this survey can be enormously

instructive to university leaders and legislators alike.

It should hardly surprise anyone that professors and college administrators are overwhelmingly from the political left. The balance isn't even close. The Federal Elections Commission reports individual donations with place of employment.

Since 2019, my colleagues at Ball State have contributed \$120,765 to political campaigns and political action committees.

These comprised 6,100 individual donations from fewer than 50 persons. Of these donations, 90.4 percent were to Democrats, Democratic Socialists or left-leaning PACs. I choose Ball State University because it is often said to be the "conservative" state university. That may be true, which should raise even more eyebrows on campus and in the General Assembly.

Universities must be places where ideas flourish or die through rigorous debate and evidence, not by the whim or fashionable tastes of the majority. This is how students learn, it is how research is conducted and it is how our nation ultimately prospers. So, it is necessary to understand whether or not the undeniably real and deep imbalance of political ideology weakens free speech on campus. If done honestly, here's what I think the survey will find.

I suspect very little indoctrination or ideology occurs in the classroom. There's simply not time or place for much political discourse. The faculty members I know, both conservative and progressive, are far more worried about teaching the material than talking politics. This should be unsurprising. I didn't spend nine years in college to turn my class into a political commercial for the 18-25-year-old crowd. Neither did my colleagues in anthropology, chemistry, accounting, nursing or any other discipline.

The best proof of my point is that for most of the past half century, college graduates voted

more conservatively than those without a degree. If colleges were engines of indoctrination, progressive professors are stunningly ineffective at it. While the voting pattern of college graduates changed over the last two presidential election cycles, that is far more likely to be connected to an individual candidate rather than progressive activism on campus.

Still, this doesn't mean there is not a free speech problem at Indiana's universities, but simply that I don't believe its genesis is the classroom. Across Indiana, only Purdue receives the highest rankings by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). I am pleased that Ball State ranks closely behind, having adopted the gold standard "Chicago Statement for Free Speech." For what it is worth, that statement has long appeared in my class syllabus along with a link to the U.S. Constitution.

There's no defensible reason for any public university to earn less than perfect rankings on free speech, yet here in Indiana only Purdue bothers to do so.

This rightfully causes concern by those who allocate funding to higher education, and those of us who pay tuition bills.

The origin of free speech problems on campus lie primarily outside the classroom.

Of the Indiana cases reported to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, none involved classroom instruction.

The most common complaint involve censoring or restricting student groups, or restrictions on due process. Over the past decade, there were no more than a dozen such cases in Indiana.

Today, a busy student will

spend perhaps 17 hours per week in the classroom, and most

spend far fewer. So, a campus culture that hinders free speech outside the classroom should be of concern to legislators, to university leaders and to those who pay tuition.

If done properly, with a focus on the broader campus climate, it is inevitable

that the SB 414 survey will

report that some students and faculty find an environment in

which their views cannot be

openly shared and debated.

To be clear, not all ideas are

good, and none should be pro-

tected from debate or vigorous

criticism. But of all places,

America's universities must be

one where ideas are confront-

ed by data, reason and facts, equally

and without favor. I don't be-

lieve Indiana's public universi-

ties have a unique problem, but

this survey will almost surely

offer insights that thoughtful

university leaders should use to

improve the environment of free

The stunning political imbalance among university employees certainly risks short changing students. Conservative student organizations have fewer advisors from which to choose. The partisan imbalance of faculty risks influencing the choice of speakers invited to campus and the books chosen for freshman reading lists. The rarity of conservative faculty

members risks limiting student

internship opportunities in

business, government and not-

for-profit groups. With a tiny

fraction of conservative faculty,

there will be too little research

performed on issues that matter

to half of Hoosier taxpayers.

University leaders should be as

worried about the effects of a

lack of ideological diversity as

they are about a lack of ethnic,

gender or racial diversity.

Students are not the only

affected persons on campus.

Faculty and staff should be able

to thrive in an environment of

open inquiry. So, along with

the student survey, universities

should also be asking questions

about their own support for

diverse ideas. Are campus initia-

tives informed by a broad set of

perspectives? Are departments

inviting speakers with diverse

opinions on a broad set of topics?

Do colleges support faculty

members of disparate views in

research centers and in admin-

istrative positions? I doubt any

school does these things effec-

tively. This rightfully invites

more legislative scrutiny.

My hope is that Senate Bill

414 leads to a healthier environ-

ment for free speech on campus,

but it will take some concrete

actions. Knowing someone's

political position is not always

easy. We'd be wise to avoid

asking the political views of em-

ployees in the same way that we

now gather information on race,

ethnicity, gender or disability

status. But, it is naïve to suppose

that these sorts of pressures

aren't possible, nor that they are

wholly partisan. If 90 per-

cent of faculty donated to the

Trump campaign, I'm confident

progressive lawmakers would

be vigorously pursuing more

ideological balance.

In the end, this legislation

gently pressures state univer-

sities to better understand the

ideological imbalance of faculty

and staff. It should also cause

them to honestly reckon with

its influence on the climate of

free speech, student support

and the type of research funded

on campus. Ultimately, how

well universities confront these

issues reflects their seriousness

towards their core academic

mission and their commitment

to the taxpayers of Indiana.

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Diversity jeopardy

Three points to ponder if for some reason you have put "diversity" on your list of

LIFESTYLES

Beat-the-heat potato salad

This is my "I can't deal" potato salad. (It's also my favorite potato salad.)

In the heat of the summer, when it's too hot to move, it's nice to have a few easy recipes to rely on when you simply can't cope with cooking. These recipes hit the spot without making you sweat unnecessarily over a stove; they can be prepared in just a few steps. They are minimal, fresh and light and won't make you feel heavy and weighed down once you've enjoyed eating them.

Lynda Balslev



This is a European-style potato salad that I make throughout the summer. It's a regular feature in our meals, so I don't think twice about making it. However, I did think twice about it recently, when I offered to bring a potato salad to a gathering of friends. The host's response was swift: "No, I don't want anything rich, heavy and loaded with fat."

Her vision of a potato salad was the mayo-heavy American-style salad, thickly coated in a sweet and creamy dressing, and this salad is nothing like that. It's light and bright, laced with vinegar and oil, and tumbled with handfuls of fresh herbs, which add flavor and leafy texture. The best part, in my opinion, is you can actually taste the potatoes, which in my book is the key to a good potato salad.

When making this salad, it's important to immediately toss the drained hot potatoes with vinegar, so they will absorb the vinegar as they cool. Then add the remaining ingredients, followed by the fresh herbs. Allow the potatoes to cool slightly before adding the herbs, so they will soften slightly from the residual heat without wilting too much.

From there you can fiddle with the recipe to your taste. White wine vinegar is the go-to, but you can change it up with another light vinegar, such as champagne, cider or even white balsamic. As for the herbs, have fun with what is growing in your garden. Parsley, chives and dill are my favorites, and I usually add all three at once.

Simple Summer Potato Salad

Active time: 30 minutes

Total time: 30 minutes, plus cooling time

Yield: Serves 4 to 6

2 pounds small Yukon gold potatoes, unpeeled

Kosher salt

1/4 cup vinegar, such as white wine or champagne vinegar

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 teaspoons dried mustard, such as Colman's

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 teaspoon sugar

1 cup (packed) chopped mixed green herbs, such as Italian parsley leaves, and chives, plus more as needed

Place the potatoes in a large pot. Cover with cold water and add 2 teaspoons salt.

Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low. Partially cover the pot and simmer potatoes are tender when pierced with a knife, about 20 minutes, depending on the size of potatoes.

Drain the potatoes and return to the pot. Immediately sprinkle the vinegar over the potatoes and stir to combine, breaking up the potatoes with a knife into bite-size chunks. Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes.

Whisk the oil, garlic, mustard, black pepper, sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add to the potatoes and stir to blend. The potatoes will continue to break down a little as you do this.

Cool slightly, about 10 minutes more, then stir in the herbs. If too dry, add another splash of oil. Taste for seasoning and add more salt if desired. Serve at room temperature or chilled.



Photo by Lynda Balslev

Student loan relief is extended: Here's what you need to know

The debt relief provided to federal student loan borrowers has been extended into next year, but the Department of Education says don't expect another reprieve.

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, federal

student loan payments and interest were suspended to help folks struggling to make ends meet because of the pandemic.

Collection actions on defaulted loans were halted. So was negative credit reporting for eligible federal student loans, meaning the Education Department reported suspended payments to the major credit bureaus as if they were made on time.

The pandemic-related relief was scheduled to end on Sept. 30, but now the forbearance has been extended for another four months, until Jan. 31, 2022.

Here's what you need to know about the forbearance extension.

■ When will I have to start paying my student loans again?

If you were eligible, your payment pause should have started in March 2020. It was supposed to last just six months. However, this latest extension means payments will restart in February 2022.

It's important to remember that time frame. A study last month by Pew Charitable Trusts found 52 percent of borrowers affected by the pause were unsure when they would be required to resume payments.

Pew said its findings show that many borrowers will need assistance transitioning

back to repayment.

As with the initial forbearance, collection actions on defaulted loans were halted.

■ How likely is it that there will be another extension?

The Education Department made a point of emphasizing that this would be the last extension.

"This additional time and a definitive end date will allow borrowers to plan for the resumption of payments and reduce the risk of delinquency and defaults after restart," the department said in a news release.

Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona also indicated it is a "final extension," saying in a statement that the additional time will "ensure a smooth pathway back to repayment."

The Biden administration was under pressure to extend the forbearance for federally held student loans, especially in light of the recent extension of the eviction moratorium for renters.

Many borrowers say they are still having trouble managing their bills as a result of the pandemic, according to the Pew study. Two-thirds of borrowers who took the survey this spring said it would be difficult to afford their student loan payments if the payment suspension ended the following month.

There is also concern that with the number of coronavirus cases increasing because of the delta variant, businesses will have to shut down or scale back, resulting in a rise in the number of people out of work.

In a June letter to President Joe Biden, Democrats in the House and Senate argued that restarting payments may result in a wave of student loan defaults.

Following the announcement that the payment pause

would be extended, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., issued a statement praising the administration.

"We're pleased the Biden administration has heeded our call to extend the pause on federally-held student loan payments, providing an enormous relief to millions of borrowers facing a disastrous financial cliff," the lawmakers said.

■ Was it a mistake to take advantage of the forbearance when I could have afforded to make my payments?

Many people need this break.

But many borrowers not affected financially by the pandemic kept making their loan payments – because, at zero percent interest, all the money went directly to reducing the loan principal (once any interest that accrued before March 13, 2020, was paid). This was a smart money move.

Some people took the opportunity to catch up on some bills or concentrate on paying down high-interest credit card debt. And that's fine. But it was a mistake to take the payment holiday if you could afford to make the payments and you didn't have any other pressing financial issues.

If you haven't been making payments and can afford to do so, now you have additional time to reduce your debt.

It's not necessary for folks working toward Public Service Loan Forgiveness to continue making payments. Under the PSLF program, the remaining balance of a borrower's debt is forgiven after 120 qualifying monthly payments.

If you qualify for PSLF, the suspension of loan payments won't put you behind. It is

as if you are making on-time monthly payments.

■ Is there anything I should do when loan repayments resume?

The Education Department said it will soon begin notifying borrowers about this final extension and will provide borrowers with resources and information about restarting their payments.

Your servicer should contact you before the forbearance is over to confirm when you need to start making payments again. However, if you don't receive any communication, contact your servicer to make sure you know your due date.

A lot of people moved during the pandemic. You may have moved in with your parents or a family member, or relocated to save money.

It's important that you contact your loan servicer and update your address. Don't assume that because you haven't been contacted you aren't responsible for resuming your payments. You risk accumulating late fees and perhaps even defaulting on your loan if you fail to restart making your monthly payments.

It is your responsibility to pay your loans on time, even if the lender doesn't know how to find you.

You should also update your contact information in your profile at studentaid.gov.

Keep in mind, if you had set up automatic payments, they may resume on your first due date when the forbearance period ends.

■ What should I do if I can't afford my payment once the pause is over?

If you haven't already, ask your loan servicer about enrolling in an income-driven repayment (IDR) plan. Depending on your income and family size, under an IDR, your payment might actually

be zero.

You can get an estimate of your monthly payment under different IDR plans by going to studentaid.gov.

If you were already in a plan and your income or family size has changed, you can request that your payment be recalculated, which could reduce what you owe each month.

■ I received an email from a company offering to help reduce my student loan debt. Is this legit?

Here are three signs of a debt scam, according to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

■ You're asked for an upfront fee to help you sign up for an income-driven payment plan.

■ You're promised quick debt forgiveness.

■ You're required to provide your Federal Student Aid identification, or FSA ID, which is the username and password you use to log on to Education Department student aid websites. Do not give this information to anyone.

Do not pay anyone to do something you can do yourself. Your loan servicer can walk you through the various repayment options. And if you feel you aren't getting the assistance you need, file a complaint with the CFPB at consumerfinance.gov.

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Design Recipes:

Shades of gray

By CATHY HOBBS

Tribune News Service (TNS)

There was a year when on all the runways, gray was the "it" color. You literally saw gray everywhere in fashion. Then there was the trickle-down to home decor.

Did gray ever go out of style?

The answer is no.

In fact, the color gray is hotter than ever, especially in home decor. Have you noticed that gray tends to be an extremely popular wall color choice? Why?

Because of its versatility and ability to blend with so many other colors.

When it comes to how and when to use the color gray, here are some top tips.

DO'S

1. Do blend tints, tones and shades of gray together in a single space.

2. Do use gray as an overall wall or accent color.

3. Do look for ways to incorporate dominant furniture pieces in gray into a space such as a sofa or area rug.

DON'TS

1. Don't blend warm grays with cool grays. Cool grays have a lot of blue undertones, while warm gray has more tan and yellow. They don't always blend together.

2. Don't be afraid to use dark shades of gray like charcoal, which can often feel elegant.

3. Don't overlook opportunities to bring in gray accent pieces like area rugs, side chairs and even lamp shades.

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Updating some Southern Baptist stereotypes in 2021

Anyone looking for Baptists should head to Greenville, South Carolina.

"People here say you can throw a rock in one direction and hit a Southern Baptist church, and if you throw a rock in the other direction you'll hit an independent

Baptist church," said Nathan A. Finn, provost of North Greenville University.

Finn's school – with strong Southern Baptist ties – isn't the only brand of "Baptist" life in town. There's the progressive Furman University, as well as the independent Bob Jones University, known for its rock-ribbed Baptist defense of fundamentalism.

The Baptist world is extremely complex and hard for many outsiders to navigate. Some of this confusion, said Finn, affects life inside the most prominent Baptist flock – the Southern Baptist Convention – and perceptions of SBC confli-

"Lots of people need to understand that Southern Baptists are far more diverse, ethnically and culturally, than they think we are," he said in an interview. "At the same time, we're more uniformly conservative than we often appear, especially since we spend so much time fighting with each other over some of the small points of theology on which we differ."

With some of these stereotypes in mind, Finn recently fired off a dozen Twitter messages describing fictional "Southern Baptist" churches. The goal, he said, was to create "composites of what different kinds of SBC congregations look like," and he

gave them "names that are common with certain types of real churches."

There is, of course, a "First Baptist Church," which Finn described as "a downtown church that runs 500 in worship. The church is affluent, which is reflected in their beautiful building. The worship service is traditional. There are lots of programs and committees" and the congregation is known for big donations to the SBC's shared Cooperative Program budget.

Then there is Finn's version of the megachurches that have dominated the American religious marketplace in recent decades. While the word "Baptist" is missing in its name, Finn noted: "CrossWay Church is a suburban church that runs 1,400 in two services. The 'feel' of each service is laid-back and contemporary. CrossWay has excellent recreational facilities" and its leaders are "considering launching a second campus."

These big churches frequently make headlines. However, at the other end of the urban spectrum is this image: "Northside Baptist Church runs about 40 people in worship. Their neighborhood used to be residential, but now is industrial. The youngest active member is 59. The pastor is bi-vocational," and the church has only three deacons.

Meanwhile, there are plenty of SBC congregations that fit this next description: "Stoney Creek Baptist Church is a rural church that runs 75 in worship. The church dates to 1850, and many families in the church go back three or more generations."

The Twitter list mentioned other forms of big-church life, as well as a typical college-town flock, a distinctly Calvinist congregation and

a high-plains church that specializes in "cowboy" worship and community life.

Then again, note this model: "Iglesia Bautista Berea is a Hispanic congregation that runs 150 in worship. About half of the regular attenders are longtime members, but the other half are migrants who attend seasonally. Some of them may be undocumented."

Also, "Solid Rock Baptist Church is an African American church that runs 300 in worship. The service lasts almost two hours. The pastor is a beloved figure in the community, both for his strong preaching and for his church's mentoring program at the neighborhood elementary school."

Outside of a few headlines about Critical Race Theory debates, few Americans – including some inside the SBC – grasp the degree to which ethnic churches are on the rise in the nation's largest Protestant flock. Some have achieved megachurch status, such as the Fountain of Praise church in Houston, which hosted the funeral for #BlackLivesMatter figure George Floyd.

Ethnic churches "really are growing and becoming more important, but lots of people don't realize how crucial these churches are to the SBC's future," said Finn. "When people think about Southern Baptists, our big churches are always part of that picture, but some of them are Black or Latino churches.

"Much of our growth, today, is definitely seen in ethnic churches. ... It's lots of our stereotypical Anglo churches that are struggling."

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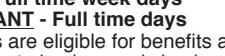
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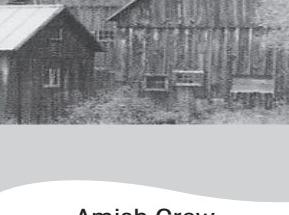
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My wife and I recently saw the movie, "The Map of Tiny Perfect Things." Have you heard of this? It's about two high-school teenagers who discover that they are stuck reliving the same day with no end in sight. (Think, a more light-hearted "Groundhog Day"). For us, especially after a year of lockdowns, e-learning and working from home, several elements resonate: It can feel like we are living in a world that's broken and with people who are oblivious, who wake up and do the same thing day after day. Desperately grasping for life, the protagonists seek to understand the truth that is being revealed, with the revelation that our lives are just shadows or projections of something deeper that hints at a profound purpose beyond ourselves.

Do you ever sense that the world is broken? Do you get this deep impression that things are connected, and with a purpose, but there

Rev. Todd Render



is something that everyone is missing ... and every once in a while, you get a glimpse of the truth, and hope, and maybe even moments of joy?

This is one of the primary ways God revealed Himself to me ever since I was a child. I was able to get out and away from a crowded house to see the connectedness and meaningfulness in nature and people. The Creator of all things is speaking, but how can we make sense of it?

The Apostle John in one of his letters to the church wrote:

"We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true – even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life." (1John 5:20NIV)

I have found one of the most common mistakes in our information-saturated culture is thinking that meaning is about what I know, that we can solve the puzzle by force-fitting how we think the pieces should go together. The high priests during Jesus' time on Earth were Sadducees who did not even believe in the resurrection. When they conspired to murder God – that should give us all pause – they were sure that was the end of it and that they were putting life back to the way it should be. (Hmmm. Are you trying to make sense of this life by taking Jesus out of the picture?) They never imagined they would see Him again. Jesus told the Jewish leaders "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me" (John 5:39NIV).

This was one of the hardest lessons to learn. Life is not about what I imagine it should be, but how the

Author of Life has established it to be. God is not who I think He is, but who He says He is. Even for religious folks, knowing God is not being able to recall words on a page, but being in relationship with the living Word of God who breathed them out so that we might know Him.

When you are trying to make sense of life, it will only make sense if you inquire of the One who says: "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

Finding your place on the map means coming to know the One who made the map. He speaks both in nature and in the way He has ordered the times and places for us. God tells us what we can know and what we can do. He talks about the consequences of our actions and even the motivations of our hearts. But in all these things, God speaks because of who He is and because of what He has done for us in Jesus. God speaks to us "so that we

may know him who is true." God tells us directly that He does these things so that we can know Him personally and intimately in a lasting, abiding relationship, soulmates in the truest sense. Like the most intimate relationship that can be known between two people, Jesus is the bridegroom and we as the church are His bride, with nothing that can separate us.

I pray that you may know Him who is true, that you would turn and seek Jesus, to be with Him and in Him, to experience joy unspeakable and everlasting.

Rev. Todd Render is pastor of the Alliance Church in Wabash and a retired medical device engineer. He and his wife, Lori, relocated from Fort Wayne in 2016 and have three grown children. Todd has an MS in mechanical engineering from Purdue University and a MA in ministry from Grace Theological Seminary. To start a conversation or make a comment, visit www.wabashalliancechurch.com. We'd love to hear from you.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Aug. 15 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The Morning Message will be, "Eternal Hospitality," by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Aug. 15 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N Wabash St., is at 10 am. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be Ephesians 5:15-20 with a sermon reflection titled "Be Filled with the Spirit." Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

On Sunday, Aug. 15 at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, "How Was Naaman Cleansed?" from 2 Kings 5:1-14. The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. Children's Church for the 10:30 a.m. service will be led by Kelly and Lynnette Good. The recorded sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group the morning of Sunday, Aug. 15.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church prerecords the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com

under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-METHODIST-Church. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a

video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church.

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvmc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

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Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children's church or Sunday school at this time.

Masks are recommended. On Sunday, Aug. 15, the sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 12:13-31 and titled, "One Body, Many Members."

On Sunday, Aug. 22, the sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 13 and titled, "What is Love?"

On Sunday, Aug. 29, Pastor Doug Beal will be off, with plans to be determined. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-

5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Walk by Faith Community Church

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Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "Psalm 127." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sundays on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Pastor Robb Rensberger, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship; Nancy Kolb; Rose Sands, special music; Nancy Kolb, piano;

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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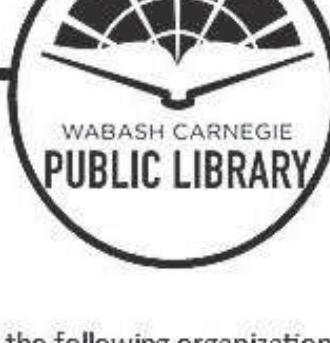
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Grandparents are 'mommy' and 'daddy' to toddler

DEAR ABBY: My daughter passed away last year, and we received custody of our grandson, who was 15 months old at the time. He is now nearly 2 1/2 years old. My daughter wanted him to call me Mamaw because that's what she called my mother, so I've always referred to myself that way, but recently, he has started calling me Mommy. I say Mamaw back to him and sometimes he will say Mamaw, but more often it's Mommy.

Dear Abby



I'm uncomfortable not honoring my daughter as his mommy. We display her photos, and he will say that that's his mommy, but I also don't want to hurt his feelings by saying I'm not his mommy. His father isn't in the picture, so my husband and I are the only parents he knows. My husband seems uncomfortable with him calling me Mommy and when he hears it, he tries to correct him. Should we allow him to call us Mommy and Daddy or continue to correct him? — Getting It Right In North Carolina

DEAR GETTING IT RIGHT: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your daughter. I see nothing positive to be gained by not allowing your grandson to call you what he wants. You and your husband have made clear that his mommy is in heaven, but right now the boy needs a "Mommy" right here on Earth. It is not at all disrespectful of your late daughter's memory to allow him that.

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married to my husband for five years. When we married, money was tight, so we agreed to use temporary wedding rings and upgrade to our final official set later. Well, we finally did it, and my ring is what I always wanted. It is stunning.

The problem: When friends and family (and sometimes even strangers!) compliment me on my ring, it is often accompanied with, "Can I try it on?" or more forcibly, "Let me try that on!" I would never ask to try on something so precious to someone else, and I never want to see someone else wearing my wedding rings. Why do women do this and how can I politely tell them "NO WAY"? — Shocked In New York

DEAR SHOCKED: The women want to see it on their own hand and imagine for a moment that the ring is theirs. Feeling as you do, convey your message by smiling and replying, "I never remove my wedding rings other than to clean them."

DEAR ABBY: I live in Florida, and the rest of my big family lives in Canada. Last year, five of my nieces/nephews were admitted to the hospital for varying health reasons. Rather than send flowers, I sent each a check for \$50.00. I thought money would be more useful.

Well, last week my daughter was diagnosed with malignant melanoma after a mole was removed. After I emailed the news to my sisters, I received one response from a sister saying, "Give your daughter our best!" Other than that, there have been no cards — nothing. Am I petty in thinking they should have at least sent my daughter a card? — Petty In Florida

DEAR PETTY: Your relatives apparently didn't consider the thoughtfulness you displayed to their children something to be reciprocated. How sad. In situations like this, it isn't the tangible item that's most important, it's the thought, and it appears your relatives didn't want to put in the effort. I do not think it's petty to recognize that fact and feel disappointment. You are human.

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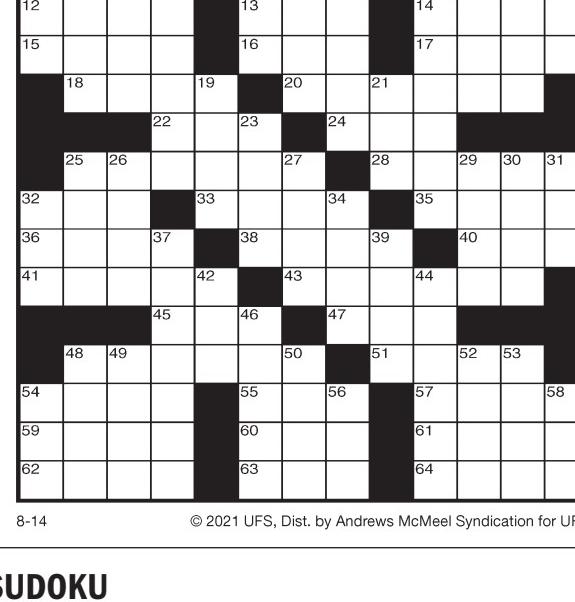
ACROSS

- 1 Popular hemline 38 Slight
- 5 Brownish fruit 40 Muscle spasm
- 8 Aptitude 41 Fable author
- 12 Psyche's suitor 43 Tactless
- 13 Cash sub. 45 Candle drippings
- 14 Foray 47 Caustic solution
- 15 Many parents 48 Bank worker
- 16 Hosp. personnel 51 Munro's pen name
- 17 Moon and sun, in verse 54 Bump or knot
- 18 Person, place or thing 55 — de plume
- 20 Serapes 57 Trilled
- 22 Always, to Poe 59 Arab prince
- 24 Feminine principle 60 Giants hero of yore
- 25 Feudal tenant 61 Famed lava spewer
- 28 Played charades 62 Moistens
- 32 Give a hand to 63 Carson City loc.
- 33 Thump 64 Ricky Ricardo
- 35 Bronte heroine Jane —
- 36 Serving of mashed potatoes

DOWN

- 1 Glove sz.
- 2 Persia, today
- 3 Extinct bird
- 4 Gushes forth
- 5 Fragrant tree
- 6 Charged particles
- 7 Sentimental
- 8 Chocolate goody
- 9 Viscount's superior
- 10 Pen points
- 11 NFL scores
- 12 Person, place or thing
- 13 Cash sub.
- 14 Foray
- 15 Many parents
- 16 Hosp. personnel
- 17 Moon and sun, in verse
- 18 Person, place or thing
- 19 Plover's dwelling
- 20 Serapes
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- 22 Always, to Poe
- 23 Bleacher shouts
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- 25 Feudal tenant
- 26 Played charades
- 27 Gill alternative
- 28 Played charades
- 29 Legend

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	2	3	4	1	5	8	9	6
6	5	4	7	8	9	2	1	3
1	9	8	3	2	6	5	4	7
3	7	9	8	4	1	6	2	5
2	1	6	9	5	7	4	3	8
8	4	5	2	6	3	1	7	9
4	8	7	6	3	2	9	5	1
5	3	2	1	9	8	7	6	4
9	6	1	5	7	4	3	8	2

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EHTTE

WNHOS

RJNUIE

RUTMET

THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

She takes exactly 100 licks each day.

She'll have another birthday before she finishes it.

SHE'D BEEN GIVEN A LARGE LOLLIPOP AND WAS TAKING ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

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Yesterday's Jumbles: LINEN FRAME BOGGLE CLOSET

Answer: When the Royal Navy ships were spotted sailing by, people caught a — FLEETING GLANCE

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Knights look to continue winning tradition

Southwood's regular season opener set for Aug. 20 at home against Rochester

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

After eight straight seasons finishing with a winning record, Southwood's varsity football team may face their toughest test yet this season after an overhaul of a roster takes place. While graduating 13 seniors, the Knights will look to replace huge holes left at quarterback, running back, wide receiver as well as on the offense and defensive line.

For Southwood head coach Dave Snyder, filling those holes left by last year's successful seniors isn't the only challenge that the Knights will face this season.

"The off-season has been a little different because our numbers are so low," Snyder said. "We're going to be real sparse on depth but we've talked to a lot about you have to cross-train. You have to know two defensive positions, two offensive positions. ... We can't really afford a lot of injuries."

However, despite the lack of numbers and depth, Snyder is encouraged by the talent that he has returned.

Few positions needing to be filled are more important for the Knights than the quarterback position, one left empty after Alex Farr's graduation. Farr's senior season ended with

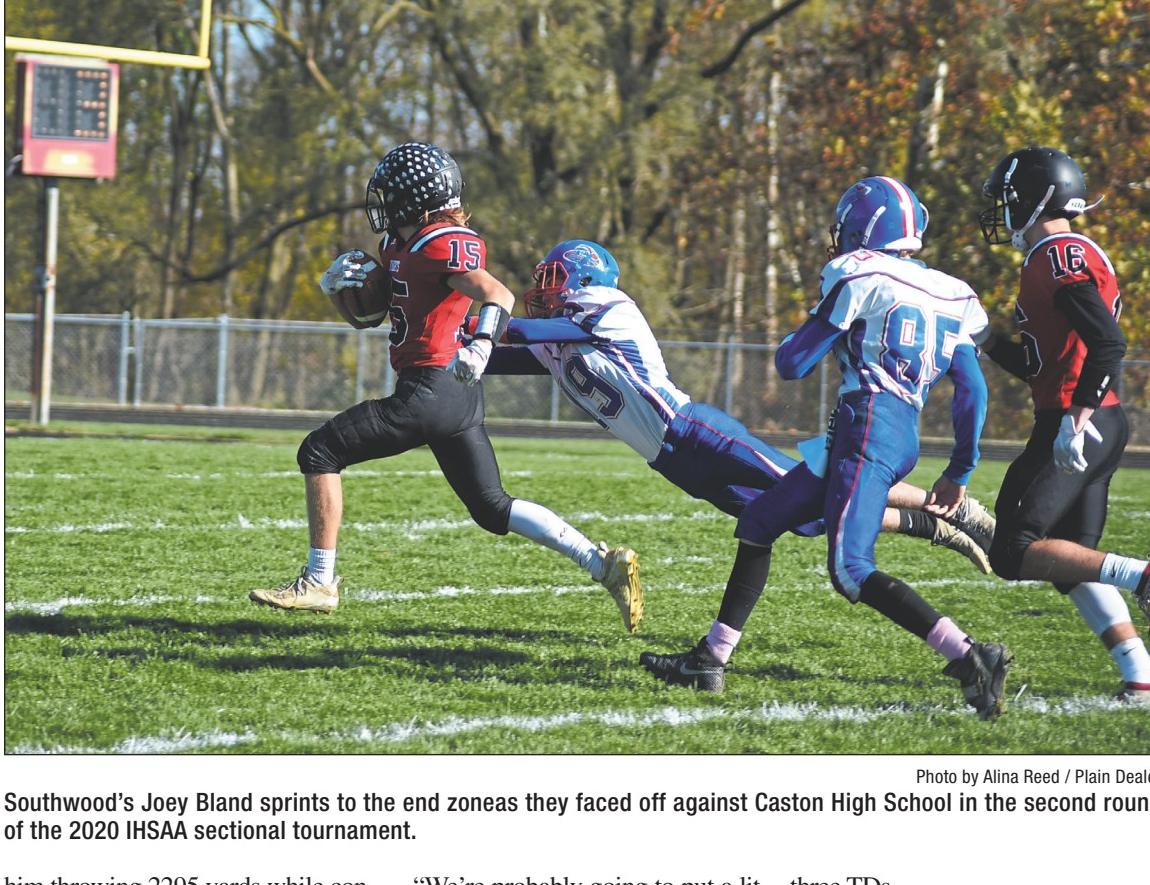


Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer
Southwood's Joey Bland sprints to the end zones they faced off against Caston High School in the second round of the 2020 IHSAA sectional tournament.

him throwing 2295 yards while converting on 31 touchdowns. With his feet, Farr rushed for 611 yards and 11 TDs.

Junior Morgan Lloyd will be the one to step into the position behind center and while his varsity experience is limited, Snyder is fully confident in his ability to continue helping the Knights rack up wins.

"We're probably going to put a little bit more in for Mo, design quarterback run plays. Mo's got a good arm. I think he'll do well," he said.

Lloyd will have a familiar target to throw to throughout the season however with junior Cole Winer coming back to lead the receiving corps after a sophomore season that was highlighted by 195 yards receiving and

three TDs.

Isiah Sutton will be operating as one of the Knight's mainstays at the running back position after rushing for nearly 150 yards last season with two TDs as well.

The success of Southwood's football program has been long-running for years but none more so than in the Three Rivers Conference where

Field of Dreams game one to remember

By DAVE CAMPBELL

Associated Press

DYERSVILLE, Iowa — As the bus carried the New York Yankees through the cornfields blanketing this serene, rolling farmland of northeast Iowa, Aaron Judge noticed a difference from the usual arrival in the next city.

The ride to the Field of Dreams site to play the Chicago White Sox on Thursday night had everyone's attention, like a bunch of kids who couldn't believe what they were getting to do.

"It was the first time people had their headphones out, and they were just glued to the windows, checking out the scenery," said Judge, the three-time All-Star right fielder.

"We have a lot of guys from different countries who really haven't seen the country like this, or guys from big cities who really haven't seen open fields and stuff like this, so it was pretty cool driving in and seeing everybody in town kind of standing on the side of the roads with signs and cheering us on," he said.

The made-for-TV event, delayed by a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, had the billing as the first Major League Baseball game in this state that's usually focused on college and community sports, spotlighted by presidential campaigns and fueled by the hog and grain industry.

Judge provided a pair of picture-perfect images, launching two long drives into the cornstalks. Tim Anderson hit the eighth homer of the game, a two-run liner in the ninth inning that lifted the White Sox over the Yankees in a 9-8 thriller.

Anderson delivered a Hollywood ending, too, circling the bases as fireworks exploded. So what if it was more from "The Natural" than "Field of Dreams"?

This won't be a one-time visit, either. Commissioner Rob Manfred confirmed that the Field of Dreams game will return in August 2022, with the teams to be determined.

The made-from-scratch stadium — built to hold about 8,000 fans watch the White Sox and Yankees play in one of the most anticipated mid-August games in history — was placed next to the actual diamond where the 1989 movie starring Kevin Costner was shot outside the town of Dyersville, population 4,000.

Costner came back for this,



TNS photo
Chicago White Sox players walk in right field before the Field of Dreams game in Dyersville, Iowa, on Thursday.

stealing the scene with a slow, ponderous stroll into the outfield his character Ray Kinsella often took in the film before stopping to watch the real White Sox and Yankees emerge from the corn for pre-game introductions.

Clutching a ball in his hand, while the original symphonic score from the movie played over the loudspeakers, Costner stepped up to a microphone and told the crowd, "It's perfect."

White Sox slugger José Abreu delivered an instant highlight in the first inning, hitting a line drive that zipped over the fence in left field and vanished into the corn.

Judge connected for a three-run smash in the third and a two-run drive in the ninth. Neither was a can of corn — they both flew far.

There were rows upon rows of corn between the two outfields, in fact. Yes, it's the same spot where Shoeless Joe Jackson and his pals appeared — and disappeared — throughout the Academy Award-nominated film about fathers, children, culture, self-discovery, ghosts and, oh, yeah, baseball.

As a kid you dream of the chance to play Major League Baseball and you watch certain movies or heroes in comic books and fairytales, and getting a chance to actually be at the Field of Dreams and play a game here and have family and friends here and getting a chance to represent the Yankees here, never in my life did I think I'd ever experience this," Judge said.

Major leaguers can be particular about the details when they're on a road trip, desiring to maximize comfort and

Anderson walk-off caps White Sox rally past Yankees 9-8

DYERSVILLE, Iowa (AP) — Tim Anderson hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning into the cornfield to end the Field of Dreams game in cinematic fashion, as the Chicago White Sox outslugged the New York Yankees 9-8 Thursday night in the first Major League Baseball game in Iowa.

Anderson, who had an earlier RBI double, danced his way around the bases after the walkoff.

That sent the crowd of 7,832 back through the corn and to their cars after a light and fireworks show at the made-from-scratch stadium next to the filming site of the beloved 1989 movie starring Kevin Costner.

Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton each hit two-run homers for the Yankees in the top of the ninth off All-Star closer Liam Hendriks (7-2).

José Abreu hit the first drive into the sea of green stalks, and teammates Eloy Jiménez and Seby Zavala followed him with homers for the White Sox.

Brett Gardner also homered for the Yankees. Zack Britton (0-1) took the loss.

minimize intrusion for optimal performance on the field, but nobody minded any of the logistical hurdles of playing this game a four-hour drive from Chicago and about a half-hour ride from the airport in Dubuque where both teams flew in.

White Sox closer Liam Hendriks was all smiles as he recounted his exploration of the white farmhouse where the Kinsella family lives in the movie that's been well-kept as a tourist attraction.

Both teams had their fill of movie reenactment moments during pregame photo ops on the original field, before retreating into the corn and returning to the regulation stadium to prepare for the game. The players were politely warned not to scrape their

faces on the stalks and not to try to enter the maze — one of the fan attractions added to the site for the event — to avoid getting lost.

"Anyone who follows me on Instagram is going to be very sick of corn," said Hendriks, whose phone storage had filled up after all the photos and videos he recorded.

Judge was born three years after "Field of Dreams" was released, but his father introduced him to the movie when he was a kid and he quickly became a big fan. He noted that some of his younger teammates had not yet seen the film.

"I think one of these nights we're going to sit down and I'll have a DVD for 'em, ready to go," Judge said with a wide smile.

the Knights have gone undefeated for the last three seasons. This unblemished record is something that Snyder wants to keep intact through out this season as well.

"We tell them going in, if you want to win a conference, just win everything. Otherwise, you're at the mercy of other teams. We can't rely on somebody else. We want to go out there and win them all," Snyder said.

While the Knights are still in pursuit of finding their go-to kicker for this season, their defense is slowly coming into shape as junior Jason Oprisek looks to float up and down the line from defensive end to defensive tackle.

Morgan Lloyd will pull double duty alongside lining up behind center when he plays inside linebacker on the defensive side of the ball while Cole Winer will play safety.

Despite the lack of depth that may hinder Southwood this season, their winning tradition has been undeniable and is something that Snyder believes strikes at the core of what their program is built on.

"We like to think it's a little bit of culture," Snyder said. "We talk to them about accountability and competition. Accountability is when you're up and competition is when you're there and you're competing against your teammate to make yourself and make him better."

Southwood's regular-season opener will take place at home on Friday, Aug. 20 against Rochester High School.

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

SCOREBOARD

NFL

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

Thursday's Games

New England 22, Washington 13

Pittsburgh 24, Phila. 13

Friday's Games

Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Tennessee at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Arizona, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Miami at Chicago, 1 p.m.

Denver at Minnesota, 4 p.m.

Cleveland at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

New Orleans at Baltimore, 7 p.m.

Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.

Houston at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

Kansas City at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

Seattle at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.

L.A. Chargers at L.A. Rams, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Carolina at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W L Pct GB

Philadelphia 60 55 .522 —

New York 59 55 .518 ½

Atlanta 59 56 .513 1

Washington 50 65 .435 10

Miami 48 67 .417 12

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Milwaukee 70 46 .603 —

Cincinnati 62 54 .534 8

St. Louis 58 56 .509 11

Chicago 52 65 .444 18½

Pittsburgh 41 74 .357 28½

West Division

W L Pct GB

San Francisco 74 41 .643 —

Los Angeles 69 46 .600 5

San Diego 66 51 .564 9

Colorado 51 64 .443 23

Arizona 36 80 .310 38½

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets 4, Washington 1, 7 innings, 1st

St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 6

Philadelphia 1, L.A. Dodgers 1

N.Y. Mets 5, Washington 4, 7 innings, 2nd

game

Milwaukee 17, Chicago Cubs 4

Cincinnati 12, Atlanta 3

San Francisco 7, Colorado 0

Arizona 12, San Diego 3

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati (Castillo 6-1) at Philadelphia (Moore 1-3), 4:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Fried 9-7) at Washington (Corbin 6-11), 6:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Davies 6-9) at Miami (TBD), 6:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (TBD) at Pittsburgh (Wilson 2-0), 7:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 12-2) at N.Y. Mets (Walker 7-7), 7:10 p.m.

St. Louis (Lester 3-6) at Kansas City (Keller 7-11), 7:10 p.m.

San Diego (Musgrove 8-7) at Arizona (Gibert 0-1), 8:10 p.m.

Colorado (Freeland 3-6) at San Francisco (TBD), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Washington, 1:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.

Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at Miami, 1:10 p.m.

St. Louis at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.

Colorado at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

San Diego at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 7:08 p.m.

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Helio Castroneves celebrated

his record-



Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. Face masks and social distancing required.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm



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A child trusts her parents to protect her from harm – they know the dangers that are out there. Her parents bring her to God's house each week. As a family, they learn of God's will for their lives, they bring peace and wellbeing to their home, and they introduce their children to God so they can grow up with His love and strength. What better source of protection is there? Play it safe and worship as a family.

Daily Devotional Reading

Genesis 28:1-22	Genesis 35:1-15	Exodus 40:1-38	Deut. 1:1-33	Deut. 4:1-14	Deut. 4:15-40	Deut. 5:1-22
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INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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